

Sometimes babies do not pass initial screenings. Try not to worry if this happens. Your baby may not pass because:

- ✓ There is birthing fluid in the ear; or
- ✓ The ear canal is still narrow.

If your baby does not pass initially, another screening or further testing may be needed in 2 to 6 weeks.

Further Testing

For babies who do not pass their hearing screenings, an ***Auditory Brainstem Response Diagnostic Test*** is used to determine if there is a hearing loss.

If Hearing Loss is Found

If a hearing loss is found, the audiologist or your baby's doctor will talk to you about what to do next and may refer you to the Department of Health for early intervention services.

You may also call the Hawaii Keiki Information Services System (H-KISS) to receive information about services and support. The H-KISS number is 808-973-9633 on Oahu or toll-free at 800-235-5477 on Neighbor Islands.

Other Information

As required by state law, information about your baby's hearing screening and diagnostic tests will be sent to the Department of Health. This information represents the minimum necessary to carry out the public health purposes of the Newborn Hearing Screening Program, pursuant to 45 CFR § 164.514(d) of the Privacy Rule.



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UNIVERSAL NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING

NEW PARENT INFORMATION

Congratulations! As you welcome your baby's birth and look forward to the future, remember it's important to get your baby off to a good start.

Begin with Good Hearing

Good hearing helps your baby learn to talk. Babies begin to listen from birth. They learn to speak by listening to their families talk.

All babies born in Hawaii have their hearing screened soon after birth. If hearing screening is against your religious beliefs, you may sign a written refusal. If your baby hasn't been screened yet, please look inside to find out where to call for an appointment.

Hearing screening is simple and safe for your baby. If not found early, hearing loss may cause delays in your baby's development.

What to Expect

Your baby's hearing will be screened in one or more ways.

*If an **Otoacoustic Emission Screening** is used, tiny earphones will be placed in your baby's ears to pick up responses as sounds are played.*

*If an **Auditory Brainstem Response Screening** is used, tiny electrodes will be taped to your baby's head to pick up responses as sounds are played.*



DID YOUR BABY HAVE A HEARING SCREENING?

**If not, please call the hospital where your baby
was born or the Department of Health's
Newborn Hearing Screening Program to make
an appointment today.**

WHERE TO CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT

Castle Medical Center	808-263-5270
Hilo Medical Center	808-974-4715
Maui Memorial Medical Center (Screening by Imua Family Services)	808-244-7467
Kahuku Hospital	808-293-9221, ext 369
Kaiser Permanente Moanalua Medical Center (Kaiser members only)	808-432-8292
Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children	808-983-8230
Kauai Veterans Memorial Hospital	808-338-9431
Kona Community Hospital	808-322-4416
Molokai General Hospital (Women's Health Center)	808-553-3145
North Hawaii Community Hospital	808-881-4771
The Queen's Medical Center	808-547-4213
Tripler Army Medical Center	808-433-2399
Wahiawa General Hospital	808-621-4243
Wilcox Memorial Hospital	808-245-1433
Department of Health Newborn Hearing Screening Program	808-973-1116

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